

Appl. No. 09/424,498
Amdt. dated August 24, 2005
Reply to Office Action dated June 15, 2005

PATENT

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 35-37, 41, and 66 are pending in this application. Claims 1-34, 38-40, 42-65, and 62-78 have been canceled without prejudice to future prosecution.

In the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, the Examiner indicates that dependent claims 35-37, 41, and 66 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim, *i.e.*, claim 31. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, claims 35, 41, and 66 have been amended so that they are independent claims that recite each of the elements of claim 31.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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